BREVARD DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Government Affairs Committee

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, An essential element of an effective democracy is the ability of each eligible and qualified citizen to be able to vote in fair and open elections, and for that vote to be registered and counted honestly and accurately,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Brevard Democratic Executive Committee supports the following:

THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE INCLUDE setting rigorous, mandatory policy and procedure for all of the Supervisors of Election in Florida, to provide a single point of scrutiny of policy, procedures, purge lists, etc., and

THAT POLL JUDGES/WORKERS be selected as follows: The chief judge at each polling place to be appointed by the Supervisor of Elections. All other judges/workers at each polling place to be appointed in equal numbers by the Executive Committees of the Democratic and Republican Party, eliminating the appointment of all judges/workers from only one party, as well as the appointment of judges/workers who are Democrats or Republicans in name only, and

THAT THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS APPLY TO THE PROCUREMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF VOTING MACHINES:

- No voting machine with proprietary software be purchased
- A voter verifiable paper trail be required, to include a printout read and approved by the voter, so that a recount may be possible
- Every machine be tested for hardware integrity
- Each machine in each precinct be tested for software integrity, with source code to be reviewed for extraneous instructions
- No voting machine be permitted to have any external input/output other than 60-Hertz power after hardware and software certification, with power inlets adequately isolated from any data processing hardware in the machine.
- Each voting machine, immediately subsequent to hardware and software certification, be secured until set up for operation in the polling place
- At the close of polls:
  - O An appropriate number of printouts from each voting machine be signed by all election judges/poll workers, the machine secured and submitted to the control of the courts, and all machine tallies for each precinct totaled manually before reporting the grand total to the Supervisor of Elections and the media
  - O Technicians not be allowed to repair a machine after certification
    - A machine that demonstrates a problem be immediately secured
    - Each polling place have a spare machine to activate as necessary
    - If a dysfunctional machine fails to print its report, poll workers shall utilize only the paper records to generate a manual report for that machine

THAT RECOUNTS be required where the tally varies by more than 3% from the exit polls, and if that identifies discrepancies, a full recount be required, and

THAT THE STATE OF FLORIDA ENACT LEGISLATION that provides the following:
- Sets a uniform standard for the number of voting machines in each precinct based on the voter registration total for that precinct
- Make acts of voter suppression and/or intimidation a felony
- Provide adequate and permanent funding for replacing, testing, and maintaining voting machines, for accessibility to all polling places, and for the training of poll workers.
- Develop uniform standards for the applicability and processing of provisional ballots
- Provide automatic re-enfranchisement for felons who have satisfied their sentence

AND THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS ADOPT THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION: HR.550 and S.450, both entitled "A Bill to Amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002".

Approved by a vote of the Brevard Democratic Executive Committee on September ___, 2005.

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